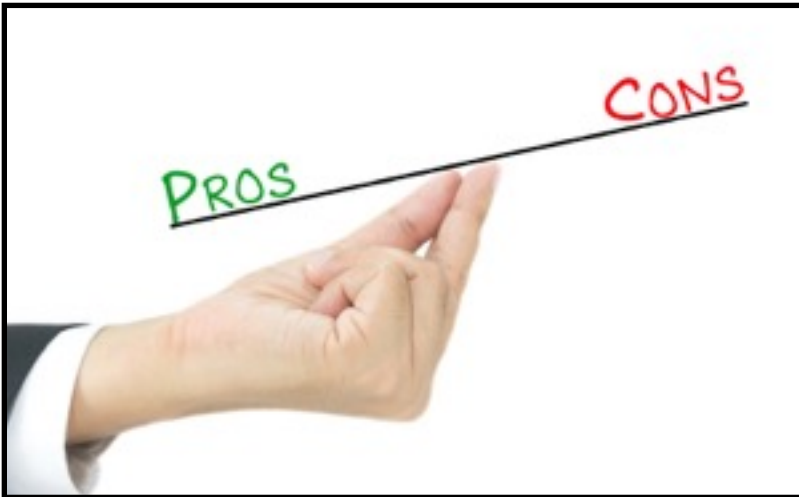


Dual Enrollment Pros and Cons



Information is essential to making the best decisions. Here are some points to consider when weighing the

Pros

- Cost savings for students and parents
- Provides an option for more challenging classes
- Better path to success in college than standard high school courses
- Improved likelihood that student will attend college after high school graduation
- Better faculty development and teaching opportunities for high school teachers
- Provides a transition from high school to college writing expectations

Cons

- Creates confusion between college credit and achievement
- Displaces more rigorous Advanced Placement courses
- Ignores the importance of academic context in writing instruction
- Undermines the development of fully professionalized college writing instruction
- Cost savings of dual enrollment leads students and parents to undermine students' writing ability
- Students may not be cognitively or socially ready for college composition
- Students lack life experiences which may affect understanding of texts that are morally and ethically challenging

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